



President's Corner

Sep 16, 2013

Hi Folks,

Well we have a big weekend coming up next weekend. On Saturday and Sunday we will have the Deerslayer 3D shoot. Then on Saturday at 1 PM we have the Clout. For those of you who have not seen it before, the Clout Shoot, also called a Battle Clout is based on the old English longbow competitions. It is at 180 yards with arrows being launched toward a pole in the ground. A cable is attached to the pole and colored to reflect the scoring rings. Six arrows are shot each end and scored based on how close they are to the pole. This is, needless to say, a deadly serious competition with aiming points being used based on available trees, bushes or clouds or whatever else is handy. In the evening, at 6 PM, we have our game feed and pot luck. If you have a favorite dish or leftover game in the freezer bring it on out for a good time. After dinner we have the Candlelight Shoot. Everyone brings one and only one arrow to shoot 14 targets by candlelight after dark. Once your arrow is lost or broken you are done.

I would like to remind everyone about Marv's Animal Challenge. The last I checked we had \$930 for replacement animals.

The Handicapped Parking Space is moving along. Forms are 2/3 done and Tim has moved a lot of dirt. We have created three or four new parking spots with the fill. Next we finish the forms, haul in and pack gravel then pour. Hopefully it will be done in October.

Board and officer nomination are due this month. Most of the current board and officers are running again and have committed to serving till the loan is paid. However if anyone else is interested or feels they can make a significant contribution, we encourage them to run for positions.

The Shoot schedule will be set in October with the new board. So anyway, good shooting and I hope to see you out there.

Carl Mally

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Technohunt Review

Technohunt is an archery simulation program designed by Archery Interactive, which is located in Aurora, Colorado. The program has similarities to that of a golf simulator that you may be familiar with, it consists of a projector, screen, and sensors. You shoot in a tunnel that is roughly 9 ft tall, 10 ft wide and just a shade over 20 yards long. A projector projects HD video onto a screen and you then decide when and if you take a shot. Once an arrow is fired, sensor strips within the chamber are able to determine arrow speed and exact location of where the arrow hit the screen, a representation of your arrow's location is then projected onto the image the exact moment it hit the screen. The location determines the results of the shot. The results are: Obstacle (which means that you hit a tree or something before the arrow actually got to the target), a miss, and a hit which consists of body (5pts), vitals (8pts) or bulls-eye (10pts). The system has the ability to track 3 archers at a time and a match generally consists of 6 rounds of 5 shots per round with the system doing the math to calculate the winner. There are nearly 700 different hunting scenarios which are simulated, divided into 24 different groups, elk, whitetails, bear, big cats; moose are some of the many choices offered. You actually use your own arrows with special rounded tips, several different weights are available to choose from with the most common being 100 grain.

On our vacation up in the twin cities my wife and I visited several different archery shops and a few of them offered the Technohunt experience. My wife and I decided to try the one at Schaffer Performance Archery in Burnsville. In speaking to the owner of Schaffer Archery he said that it's a great money maker for his shop, the software has the ability to keep track of leagues where shooters in the league can come in any time to shoot their weekly score. It's a hit with hunters that need to satisfy their hunting addiction in the off season providing more realism than the typical 3d target range experience. My wife and I tried it, cost was \$10 each and it lasted about half an hour. Not gonna tell you our scores but will tell you that it was really a blast!!!!

One thing to note, and the warning is right on the screen when you start, the screen does not take kindly to broadheads! So you want to go into the area with only arrows with the rounded tips. The cost of tearing the screen at Schaffer Archery is a brisk \$700. Make sure that the roundheads do not unscrew. Another tip would be to use a lighted sight; the tunnel was mostly dark in order to see the screen 20 yards away so a light on your sight is highly recommended. Don't step on the sensors on the floor; make sure you hop over them when you go downrange to get your arrows. Another helpful hint, be ready to move when it says "retrieve arrows", the system does not wait for you, there's a little timer on screen and if you are not ready to shoot, it does not care!

I read on ArcheryTalk that some recommend that you turn your bow poundage down, most people tend to draw their bow once a scene starts, which isn't necessarily when you will have a proper shot. There were a number of times when a scene started with an animal and never did have a proper shot on it as another animal would come into frame a bit later. Darn wild boars!!!

I checked out the Archery Interactive website to see what was available in Iowa that was a bit closer, thinking maybe something in Des Moines or the Quad Cities area. To my surprise I found a shop in Belle Plaine that had a Technohunt, just 32 miles from my front door in Walford. S & K Archery in Belle Plaine has had one for several years now, to be honest I didn't know that there was an archery shop in Belle Plaine, so decided to check it out last night. I didn't shoot as there were 3 people there practicing for the upcoming deer season but did get an opportunity to see it and talk to the owner, Steve Formanek. Steve has had one for several years, he's actually had two as this one is an upgrade from the original one he had a few years ago. Right away I recognized much clearer and sharper images than the system in Burnsville, the brighter image gave the added advantage that you were not shooting in complete darkness. He told me that he's had winter leagues going for several years now, most start after hunting seasons close at the beginning of the year. He has a 8 week league as well as a 6 week league and both are well attended. This system allows for him to submit home-shot HD video to Archery Interactive which then adds the "to hit" zones onto his footage and then sends it back and these scenes can then be sent out to other Technohunts across the country. He's shot wasps, flies, deer in his backyard, a bull snake, snapping turtle, leopard frogs, and his wife has even shot video of a praying mantis. In talking to him he mentioned that within the next few years Archery Interactive will be coming out with all kinds of oddities to add to your hunting experiences. One word: Zombies. He says it's on their update list. S & K is generally open from 4:30-8:00 unless it's hunting season. He recommends calling ahead just to make sure that no one else is scheduled; the cost is \$25 an hour and if you and a buddy shoot that charge can be split between the two of you.

Regardless of where you go I recommend the Technohunt experience as a fun and relatively inexpensive evening of entertainment. Compared to say 2 movie tickets, 2 large drinks and a tub of buttered popcorn it's a steal!!!!

Submitted by *Daniel Albert*



New Member Profile: Dan & Joan Albert

Dan & Joan Albert became WALC members at the August meeting. They live in Walford, Dan works for the Amana Farms while Joan is a nurse at Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids. Joan loves to read, garden and enjoys cooking, Dan enjoys succulent gardening, garage sales, fantasy baseball and "DA BEARS!" Both decided to take up archery this summer, inspired by the proliferation of archers in the movies in recent years and both were looking for an outside the house activity that would keep them away from the refrigerator! Dan and Joan started out with lessons from Affinity Archery, and ended up purchasing two bows. Both are interested in target shooting and maybe some 3d shooting once they gain a bit of experience, Dan has set up a short practice range in the backyard consisting of a couple of the Ugly Butt targets, 6 straw bales and a used grain truck tarp and both are shooting 3 or 4 times a week. Both are looking forward to meeting new people and increasing their knowledge of archery in general. Dan is helping to publish our club's newsletter, the Shavings.

Submitted by *Daniel Albert*

A Message from Marv Findley:

At the Rendevous Shoot I started a challenge to all members. I donated \$100.00 dollars to be used for 3D animal purchase only. When I left to go back to work there were 4 others that had accepted the challenge. I would like you to post a piece in the Shavings to see if others will also accept the challenge and donate for 3D animals. We are to the point that we have an opportunity to bring our shoot numbers up which will really help. All donations are to be directed to Don Parker, Treasurer.

Submitted by *Marv Findley*



Joke of the Month

Four guys have been going to the same deer camp for many years. Two days before the group is to leave, Frank's wife puts her foot down and tells him he isn't going. Frank's friends are very upset that he can't go, but what can they do. Two days later the three get to the camping site only to find Frank sitting there with a tent set up, firewood gathered, and dinner cooking on the fire. "Man, how long you been here, and how did you talk your wife into letting you go?" "Well, I've been here since yesterday. Yesterday evening, I was sitting in my chair and my wife came up behind me and put her hands over my eyes and said, 'Guess who?'" I pulled her hands off, and she was wearing a brand new see through nightie. She took my hand and pulled me to our bedroom. The room had candles and rose pedals all over. On the bed she had handcuffs, and ropes! She told me to tie and cuff her to the bed, and I did. And then she said, "Do what ever you want." So, here I am.

Submitted by *Daniel Albert*



Ways and Means

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Events Calendar

Sep 18, 7pm WALC Club meeting

Sep 21-22, Deer Slayer 3D Shoot

Sep 21, Clout, Game Feed, Candlelight S

Oct 2, 7pm WALC Board Meeting

Oct 16, 7pm WALC Membership Meeting

Oct 19, 7pm, Indoor 450 Vegas Round

Nov 17, 1pm, Indoor 450 Vegas Round

WAYS TO RENEW CLUB MEMBERSHIP

1. If you don't need a key: Print application & waiver at club website. Mail \$75 check & application plus waiver to WALC, PO Box 11121,CR, IA 52410-1121

2. Or, pay at Sep 18th 7pm meeting & exchange key that night.

A Message from Dave Mason:

WE ARE ASKING ALL MEMBERS FOR A DONATION TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF GRAVEL TO REPAIR THE ROAD DOWN INTO THE CLUB. ALL DONATIONS ARE TO BE DIRECTED TO DON PARKER, CLUB TREASURER.

Submitted by *Dave Mason*

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